

is better for a man to go  
in freedom than to go  
in chains.—Huxley.

## Roosevelt Favors A. F. OF L. SPURNS LABOR CONGRESS IN MEXICO CITY

sions to the Pan American Federation of Labor and to spread Communism and Socialism. He declared that both the American Federation of Labor and the Pan American Federation of Labor could put up a militant fight against these programs. His statement in-

ated that the A. F. of L. would carry over into the labor movement the principle of the Monroe Doctrine in keeping alien labor and political groups from manifesting their activities in South American countries.

The convention sponsored by Mr. Wilson has invited delegates from virtually every country of the nations whose labor movements are situated in the Pan American Federation of Labor, and the conflict between the two groups will therefore ramify throughout South America.

**Green States A. F. of L. Position**

Mr. Green stated that he had re-

"In not participating," Mr. Green added, "we point to the fact that the

aders of this movement are known both nationally and internationally to the Communists or extreme leftists. We refer to Mr. Toledano and his public utterances and to 'Comrade' Marius Olivier Merie, secretary of the Union of Confederated Syndicates of the Department of the Rhone (a French delegate), as men who are commonly re-

"Because of this type of leadership, the A. F. of L. could not subscribe to the sort of economic and political philosophy which such men proclaim and which will undoubtedly be sponsored and approved at this congress

Mr. Green expressed the belief that the Committee for Industrial Organization would be part of the Federation which the Mexico City congress is designed to create.

in answer to the question whether the establishment of a new Pan American labor body would mean the extension of the A. F. of L.-C. I. O. controversy to the entire Western Hemisphere Mr. Green replied:

will seek to advance radicalism in the Americas and that this congress has been promoted for the purpose of advancing the cause of Communism in Latin-American countries. The American Federation of Labor will oppose such moves with every resource at its command."

Conferences Planned

President Roosevelt did make it plain, nevertheless, that conferences with the National Labor Relations Board, various C.R.O.M. is much more conservative than the unions under Mr. Toledano's leadership and a number of sharp conflicts have already arisen in Mexico between the two groups.

Mr. Green summed up his reaction to the Mexican convention in the following emphatic language:

## OF LABOR BOARD

BY A. F. OF L.

ederation of Labor have confidence as fair and judicial minded administrators of the labor relations act stop The executive council sincerely hopes you may share their point of view relating to the appointment of a successor to Mr. Donald W. Smith.

"By direction of the Executive Council, American Federation of Labor,

Mr. Green said the American Federation of Labor regarded Mr. Smith, who is a Pennsylvanian, as merely the protégé of Senator Joseph Guffey, who is understood to be very close to John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization. The A. F. of L. is not in sympathy with the American Federation of Labor.

Mr. Smith was appointed to the Labor board two years ago to fill the unexpired term of John H. Carmody who was named Rural Electrification Administrator. The Labor Board position

draws a salary of \$10,000 a year and the appointment is for a term of five years. The American Federation of Labor, Mr. Green said, had no person in mind for the job but objected strongly to the reappointment of Mr. Smith.

## MORE COAL MINERS JOIN A. F. OF L. AFFILIATE

land, under the auspices of the Providence Central Federated Union. He will speak at Roger Williams Park from 4:00 to 4:30 p. m., Eastern Day-

members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in session here expressed their pleasure at receiving a telegram from Joe Pzanic, president of the Progressive Miners of America, indicating considerable ground gained by the A. F. of L. affiliate.

Mr. Ozanic reported from Chicago that 4,000 independent miners in Kentucky had affiliated with the Progressive Miners and that two locals of the United Mine Workers in West Virginia, with a membership of 169, had withdrawn from the Lewis group and become members of Mr. Ozanic's union.

an Federation of Labor issued an international charter to the Progressive Miners of America last April with jurisdiction covering all workmen employed in and around coal mines, coal washers, coal processing plants and coke ovens on the American continent.

Upon receiving the charter President Joe Ossie said that the new A. F. of

coal miners union would ban the check-off system of dues collecting, provide for the determination of strikes by the rank and file and protect locals against usurpation of their rights by international officers, an evil which he claimed the United Mine Workers suffer under the domination of John L. Lewis.

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